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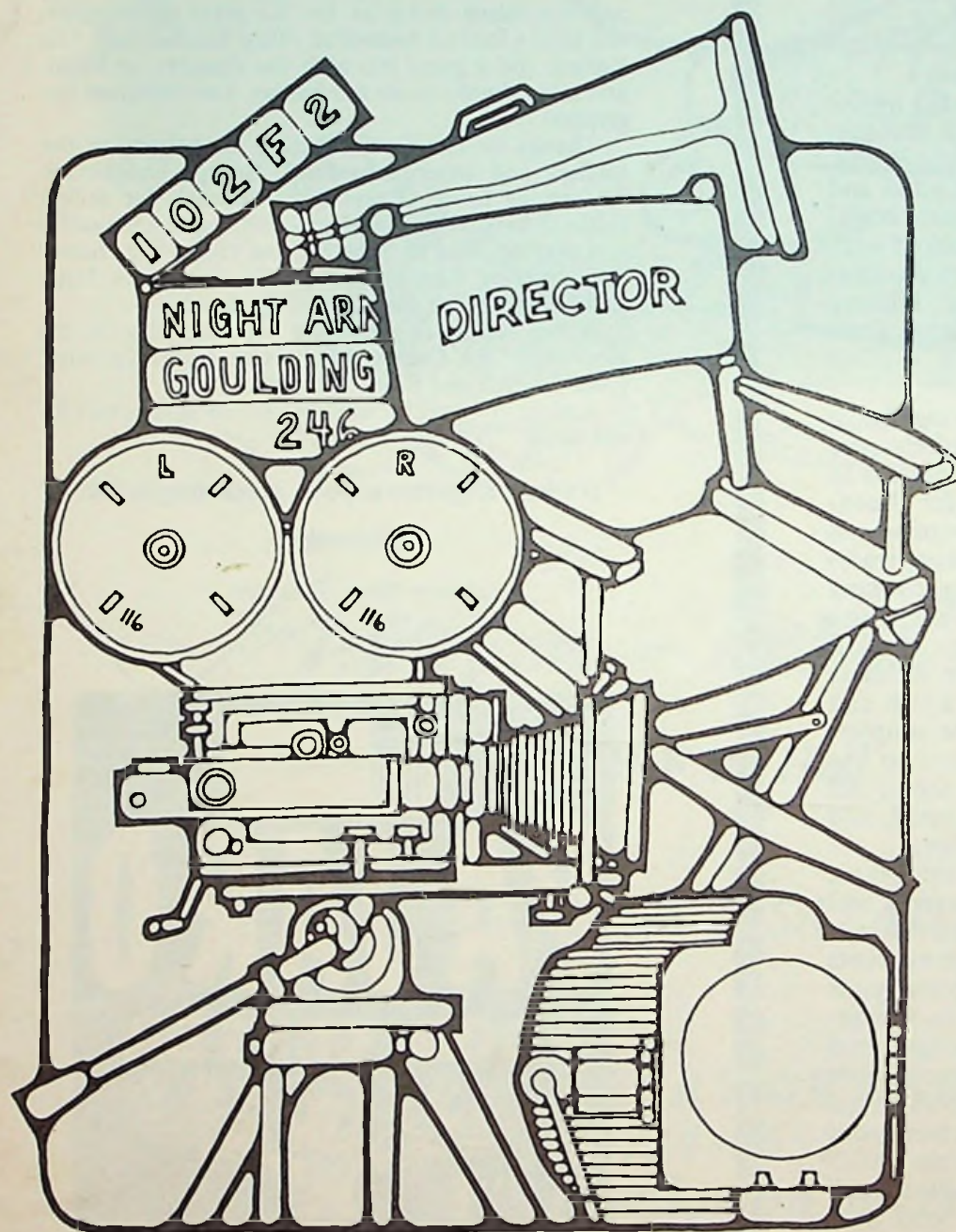
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HELP REQUESTED FOR YUGOSLAV EXHIBIT

An exhibit about the history of the Yugoslavian community in the Pajaro Valley area is currently being developed for display at the Pajaro Valley Gallery in Watsonville and the Octagon Museum in Santa Cruz. The exhibit is scheduled to open in Watsonville on July 12, with an opening party on Saturday, July 16, at 4 p.m. (Mark your calendars! — this will be a fun get together with traditional music, food and dancing).

The exhibit is being prepared by the Santa Cruz County Historical Museum with the help and advice of Ann Soldo, Marilyn McLachlan, Sandy Lydon and many others. The guest curator is Nikki (Churich) Silva, who has worked with local museums preparing such shows as the Chinese Exhibit, "The History of the Dairy Industry in Santa Cruz County," and "Watsonville — Our Home Town."

We need your help in making this an exciting exhibit which accurately portrays the history of the Yugoslavs in this region. We are searching for photographs, documents, letters, farming and apple equipment, work clothes, traditional costumes and clothing, cooking implements, receipes, apple labels, arts and handicrafts, furniture, musical instruments . . . and other artifacts which will help make this a rich and interesting display. Even the simplest objects can greatly contribute to the texture and mood of the show. All borrowed objects will be insured, and carefully secured and cared for.

In conjunction with this exhibit we are planning to conduct several oral histories with both long-time Watsonville Yugoslavs and newer immigrants from Yugoslavia. We welcome your suggestions. Also, we hope to put together a slide show about Konavle and some of the Yugoslavian traditions which are being maintained in this area. (How about photos or slides from your latest visit to Yugoslavia or from YACO picnics and other events?) Please call Nikki Silva (724-8528) if you have photos, objects . . . or ideas. Or if you would like to help in any way.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this time to thank all of you fine people who made our Kupus Dinner a great success.

Thanks to all of you who donated kupus: Mary Basich, Lena Kesovia, Mary Farris, John and Lucy Selak, Pete and Vince Kovacich, and also Pete Bilsich who brought four big bags all the way from San Jose.

Nevenka Radich and their children for wrapping the table service.

Special thanks to Lena Derpich, Vesne Derpich and Stephanie Bokariza for the great decorations; the tables looked beautiful. Mary Gizdich and Ella Korach did a great job with the desserts, as usual, and a big thanks to all our bakers. You ladies are the greatest.

Thanks to Tim Gospodnetich for helping in the kitchen and serving the food; George Jurickovich for serving food; Cheryl Gospodnetich for selling raffle tickets; Nick Miloslavich for chairing the raffle and serving. And to Babe Hill for taking the Dinner Reservations. Thanks to Rose Santich, John Selak and Lena Derpich for their raffle donations.

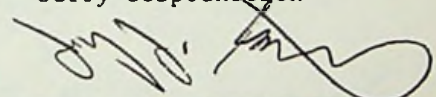
A big thanks to everyone who helped with the clean-up: Jack Osorio, Pat Solano, Edith Knowles, Rose Santich and Edith Scrivani.

And to Ron Hill, whose kitchen skills can't be out done. "Thanks, Partner."

If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me.

Sincerely,

Jerry Gospodnetich



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Well, I guess I'd better start out with a big OOPS! I have been wrong before but this is ridiculous; Jo Puhera's son and daughter-in-law have a new baby boy, Evan A. Cernokus. I'm sorry for the error . . . What a beautiful clock John Selak made for Ron. Thanks, John . . . If you need any chimney work done, call Nick Miloslavich. He did a job for us which was fast, very efficient, and very reasonable (call 462-2532) . . . We are all very proud of Gina Gugale at S.J. State (see Reg. Paj., 2/4/88) . . . Don't forget the Scholarship Bake Sale coming up in May. It's a very worthy cause . . . Something new has been added to East Lake Village — IVAR'S for dinners. Mmm good! And you won't be sorry . . . At the kupus i kobasica dinner, I did want to mention Kay Kulish Mann from San Jose, guest of the Selaks . . . The Vesna Dye presentation was really great. Everyone enjoyed it. Vesna sang songs, read her own poetry, and showed some very impressive photos and slides. If you weren't there you missed a goodie . . . Don't forget the Stew Dinner coming up on the 10th of April. Those who attended last year will remember how good it was. PLEASE come again . . . Familiar Names and Faces: M Biskup, L. Basor, E. Korach, M. Gizdich, M/Ms. Zalac, M/Ms. Osorio, T. Colendich, N. Derpich, N. Matulich, G. Heebner, M/Ms. Jurickovich, S. Lucich, L. Derpich, Vesna and Ante Derpich, A. Gulerovich, Linda Jurickovich, Joanne Lathrop, Pat Probert, Peg and Nick Gralenski, N. Nicholas, Ruza Polovina, I. Strazicich, A. Backovich.

. . . Jack Novcich had a marvelous birthday party, given by Nevenka and Zarko (and the boys of course) at the Woman's Club. Presentations were made by Sen. Henry Mello (a real tribute to Jack was that Henry wished Jack a Happy Birthday in Yugoslav. Many thanks, Henry); Mayor Betty Murphy; Pres. Jerry Gospodnetich presented a plaque from YACO. Those speaking were Sherry Mehl and Ann Soldo, and doing the honors of Master of Ceremonies was Zarko Radich, who did a splendid job. Other highlights of the evening were Jack singing; Nick Derpich spoke and sang; our swinging YACO President Jerry doing the kolo. Just a few names of those present: Burdick, Cernokus, Pilo, Colendich, Zanki, Bjelokosich, Basich, Prnjak, Hazdovac, Farris, Skillicorn, Bokariza, Arthur, Meidl, Miljas, Jagich, Secondo, Lomazzi, Kristich, Birimisa, Clark (hurry and get well, Lucille Bechis), Graham, Lettunich, Robertson, M. Bilan, Deretich, Nanut, Richardson, Greg and Suki Pavlovich, Flo Jansen, Hamblin, J. Kusanovich, G. Harris. Sasha, Mis and Bryan were the epitome of goodness, and perfect little gentlemen. The music was good. They (Paul Zeising and band) even learned some Yugo songs for the occasion. Decorations and tables were beautiful. What a marvelous party it was for a Watsonville Legend to celebrate his 100th birthday. It was a Fete to behold and a very unforgettable

evening. Congratulations, Jack Novcich, on your 100th Birthday, and we all pray for many more. . . I have to quit now, but before I go, remember when leaving the dishes in the sink was considered lazy? Well, ladies, now-a-days it's called conservationism. Isn't that great! So go ahead and be conservative! Who will care . . . ?

Toodle . . . ooo



Yugoslav Radio Hour

REMEMBER to listen to the YUGOSLAV RADIO HOUR every Sunday at 9:35 a.m. on radio station KOMY, 1340 on the dial.

ANDY & ANN SOLDI are your hosts and bring you the finest in old favorites as well as the very latest music from Yugoslavia. They will be happy to play any special requests you might ask for whether it be for birthday, anniversary, or for any special announcement.

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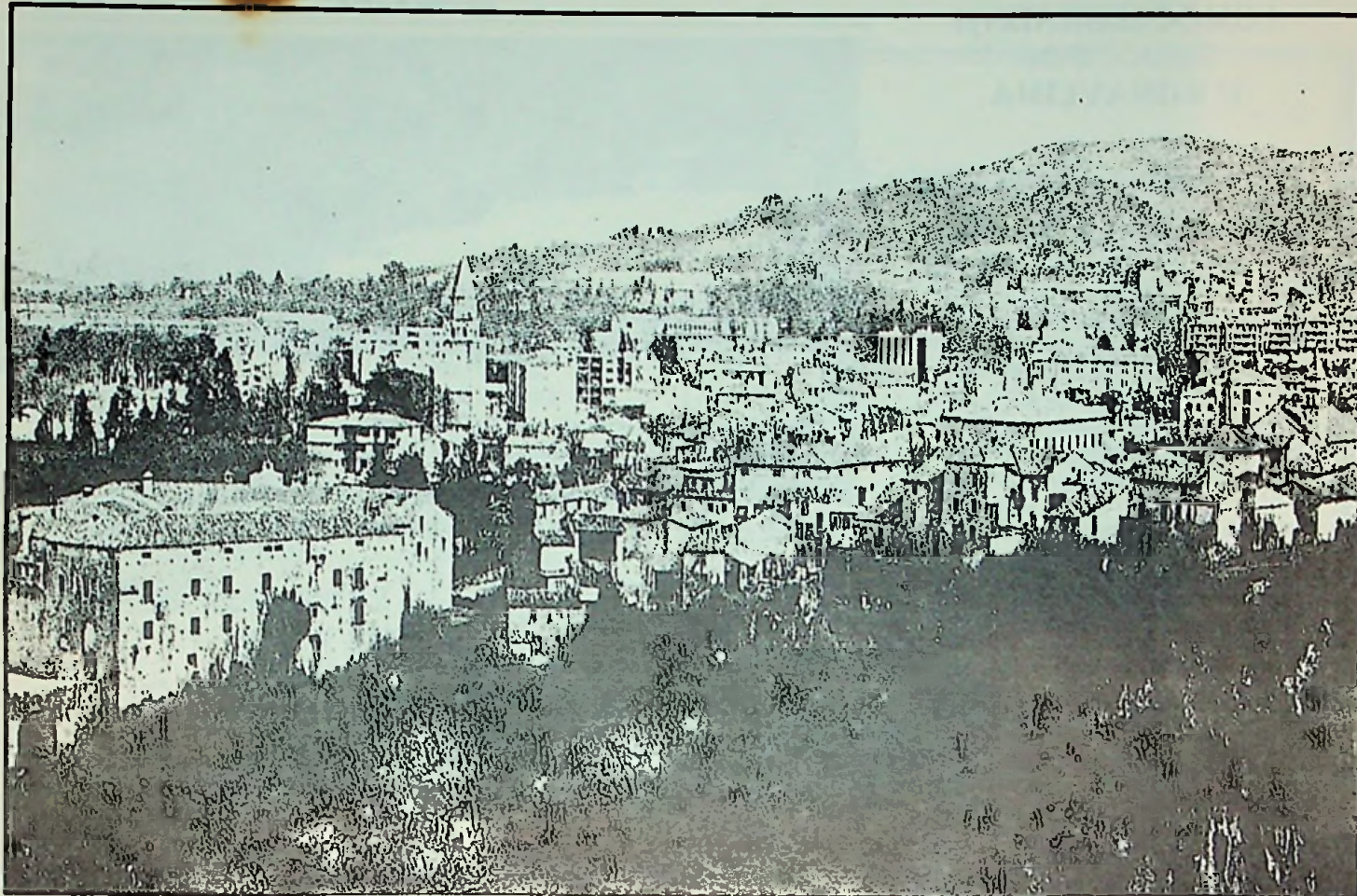
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PAZIN — a town in Istria. Since medieval times Pazin has been a center of Croatian culture and literature; the "Istrian Contract" (Razvod Istarski), a document of economic and historical importance, was written in 1325 in the Croatian language and in the Glagolitic script. This was also the center of literary and cultural activity at the time of the Protestant movement in Istria, and in the 19th century of a political and cultural revival of the Istrian Croats.

PAZIN CASTLE, perched on a cliff 120m above the Fojba river is assigned to the 9th century. The picturesque setting prompted Jules Verne to describe the castle in a novel. Acquiring its present outlines between the 13th and 16th centuries, this remains the best preserved castle in Istria. Outside the castle are the old patrician mansions, built from the 15th to the 17th centuries.

The parish CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS was built in 1266. Its paintings are of superb quality. The church possesses a collection of paintings and sculpture, artisan works, and Glagolitic inscriptions dating from the mid-13th century.

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Premda plodna Konavoska dolina ima više manjih prirodnih izvora vode, koja često tokom sušnih mjeseci presuše, i tek izgradnjom vodovoda i dovodjenjem "žive" vode iz nepresušnog izvora rijeke Ljute trajno će se riješiti problem opskrbe vodom ovoga kraja.

Dragi prijatelji, prije dvije godine započeli smo akcij prikupljanja pomoći za izgradnju vodovoda. Za tu svrhu otvorili smo u banci "Pajaro Valley" žiro račun pod brojem 1108067 i do sada se na njemu nalaza oko 700 dolara US.

Sada je prava prilika da svi konavljani, dubrovčani i ostali prijatelji pomognu, u okviru svojih mogućnosti, jer je voda jedan od osnovnih uvjeta za život ljudi i prosperitet toga kraja.

Ivo Basor

DUBRAVKA



Rječica Ljuta – uskoro će cijevima poteći do Dubravke i Dunave

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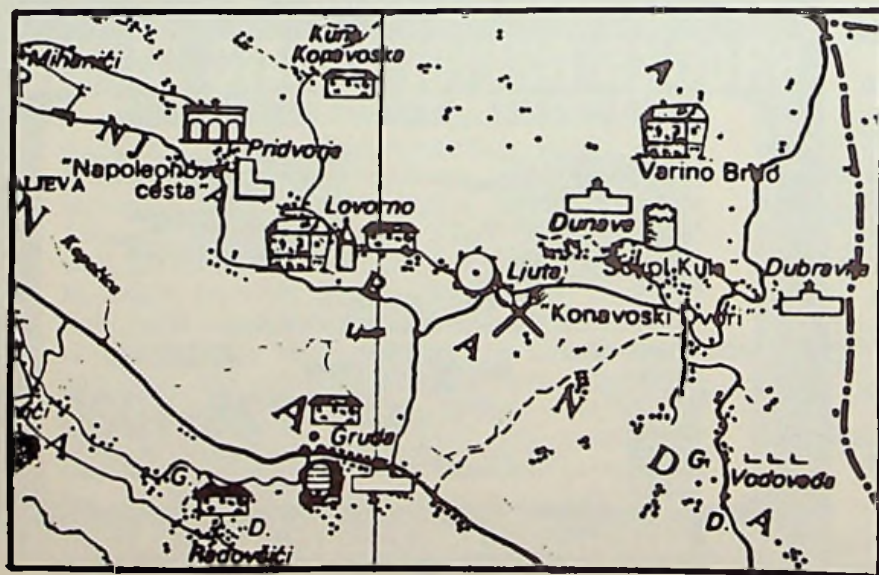
The picturesque villages of Dunave and Dubravka which are located not far from Dubrovnik, a few days ago finally got the good news that the "real" water will be running through their homes and fields. In fact, after many years of preparations and fund raising throughout the county, work recently got started on the first phase of the water project "Konavoska Ljuta Dunave-Dubravka." Upon the completion of the water project the following villages will get water: Dunave, Butkovina, Dubravka Donja, Dubravka Gornja and Picete.

The fertile Konavle Valley has many little water springs, which very often during the dry season run out of water. By bringing the water from the river Ljuta, the water shortage problem will be taken care of forever.

Dear friends, two years ago we started a fund raising to help the construction of this very important water project and for that reason we opened an account at "Pajaro Valley Bank" in Watsonville. If you wish to make a donation, you can send it to the bank account number 1108067 or to John (Ivo) Basor (69 Bronson Street, Watsonville, CA 95076) or call 408 - 724-2169. Up to now we have raised around \$700.

Right now is the best opportunity for all of the people from Konavle and the ones who have their roots in Konavle, Dubrovnik and other friends who would like to help with whatever they can afford, because water is one of man's most important necessities of life.

John Basor



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Martin Grizich	Mary Jennings	Ann Bopp	Ana Jurach

THE SNEAKY PETE SHOW —

OOPS! — Like Babe Hill, I'll have to start out with an apology. The Editors have asked me to pass along their regrets that with one thing and another, they slipped up on a few things they meant to get into the last few issues of the Kalifornski. It's too late for this year, but maybe keep it in mind for later — Michael Vezilich sent a notice from the University of Kansas about a program they hold in Zagreb, Yugoslavia in association with Matica Iseljenika Hrvatske (the Croatian Emigrant Council). It is the only language program of its kind being conducted in Yugoslavia this summer for students from North America. Perhaps next time the info will reach you in time to apply. THEN . . . poor Ann and Andy had notice of their Yugoslav Radio Hour left out TWO months in a row. Not intentional — especially when we want them to know we wish them another 40, since that's how many years Andy has been doing the show on KOMY. . . or was it KHUB when he started? . . . ANYWAY, there were probably some other items that unintentionally got overlooked, and D&J are really sorry. They promise they will try to make sure it doesn't happen again.

MOVE OVER, GEORGE BURNS — Nick Derpich did a knockout job of singing at the 100 years party for Jack Novcich . . . rich, strong voice. He could put Old "Blue Eyes" to shame age for age. And then to carry on further, Nick gets cast as an extra in the movie they have been shooting around town with Loni Anderson and Joe Penny lately. In fact, the Miramar itself (or a Hollywood set-dresser's version) was in the movie, too. Good going, Nick!

FOLK ART SURVEY — You've probably noticed the announcement on page 2 about the Yugo exhibit being put together for the P.V. Gallery and the Octagon. In addition, there is a Survey of Traditional Folk Arts being prepared at the same time. So if you know of anyone in the local Yugoslav community who creates traditional folk art, get in touch with Nikki Silva at 724-8528. Folk arts and crafts include such things

as making musical instruments, wood carving, stone work, painting, embroidery, and traditional dancing and singing. It is hoped that the survey will result in a traveling exhibit or a publication about traditional arts and crafts which are being created and maintained in this region. The Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County is conducting the project.

REMINDER — Your dues were due on January 1st and delinquent after February 15th. So if you haven't paid them, please do so now.

IN MEMORIAM — We've lost some good members and good friends recently. Since this is being written well in advance of publication, any other losses will be in our next issue, but for the moment I'd like to mention that Madeline Colendich will be sorely missed. She was an active Life member of YACO, whose presence and help at our activities was well noted and appreciated by all. We'll miss you, Madi.

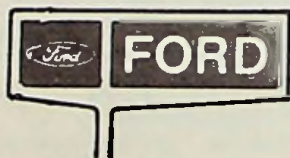
P.S. — Raffle tickets for the 3rd of July are available now from Jerry and Carole.

Until next time . . . I'm . . . Sneaky.

(NOTE FROM THE EDITORS —

Would you believe "DOUBLE OOPS!"? — Just caught the fact — after the pages involved were already printed — that we set the President's Message from last issue again for this issue. Since there isn't enough room left and deadlines have to be met, we will fill in Jerry's April message in May. There were also some additional names for the Membership List which came in after that page was finished, so those will also be in our next issue.)

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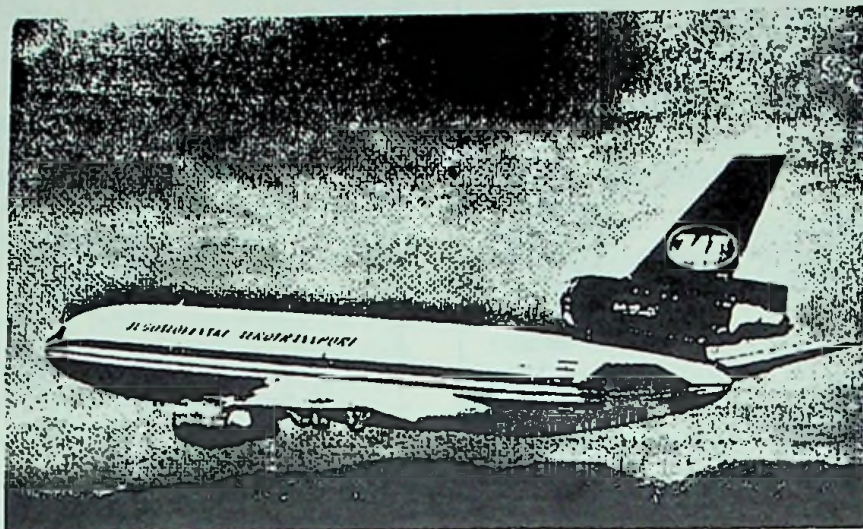
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YACO was established in 1979 as a non-profit club without political or religious ties for the sole purpose of bringing together Yugoslavs and other interested persons to make known and to preserve our Slavic heritage. We are proud that among our membership we have families and individuals whose roots represent each region of present-day Yugoslavia, as well as non-slavic members who support the club's goals.

A year-around series of programs and events has proven an enjoyable way for YACO to provide its focus on Slavic heritage. Such activities include picnics, lectures and slide presentations on Yugoslavia and its historic culture, plus potluck and sit-down dinners. We also publish a monthly newsletter, THE KALIFORNSKI, full of interesting articles, recipes, and news of our area's Yugoslav community.

Our meetings (the first Sunday of each month) may include a potluck, special dinner, films, dancing, and raffles, plus we hold an annual July barbeque.

Won't you accept our invitation to join us? We're sure you'll soon find YACO to be one of your favorite clubs.

Our dues are as follows:

Single membership \$12

Family membership \$18

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Husband: _____

Wife: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Interests: _____

Yugoslav Background: _____

Children under 18 included in Family Membership: _____

ATTENTION:

THE KALIFORNSKI is your publication. If there is anything in particular that you would like to see in any future issues, please don't hesitate to contact us. If you have any subjects relating to Yugoslav heritage or about Yugoslavs, here or abroad, that you would like to share or see published in this newsletter, please let us know. We would appreciate your input in publishing this newsletter each month. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact us:

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SUGGESTED TOPICS:

1. Trips by YACO members
2. Visitors from the Old Country
3. Newspaper or magazine articles about Yugoslavia or Yugoslavs, local or abroad
4. Weddings, anniversaries, graduations, birth announcements, or special celebrations by YACO members
5. Civic or cultural contributions by Yugoslavs
6. Yugoslav recipes
7. Yugoslav songs, poetry or stories
8. Special family traditions for holidays, etc.
9. Yugoslav stories for children
10. Anything you think might be of interest to YACO members

NEW DEADLINE

A new DEADLINE has been set for the 10th of each month so that we might get the paper out even earlier. It seems that our members out of Watsonville are not receiving their KALIFORNSKI early enough to plan on attending any of our programs. Members in Watsonville receive their copies at least two days after mailing so it seems to be a problem with a hold up at the post office. If I don't have the information in time, I will not be able to publish it until the next issue. REMEMBER to send me any information by the 10th of each month.

OFFICERS

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CALENDAR

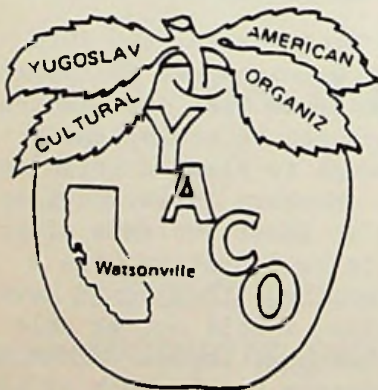
- APR. 10 Meeting - 6 p.m., V.F.W. Hall
Stew Dinner - 7 p.m.
- MAY 1 Meeting - 7 p.m., V.F.W. Hall
Program, Scholarship Committee
- JUNE 5 Meeting - 6 p.m., V.F.W. Hall
Potluck - 7 p.m.
- JULY 3 Annual Y.A.C.O. Barbecue
Corralitos
- AUG. 7 Meeting - 7 p.m., V.F.W. Hall
Program
- SEPT. 4 Meeting - 6 p.m., V.F.W. Hall
Dinner - 7 p.m.
Macaroni & Chicken B.B.Q.
- OCT. 2 Meeting - 7 p.m., V.F.W. Hall
Program
- NOV. 6 Meeting - 7 p.m., V.F.W. Hall
Election of Officers
- DEC. 4 Meeting - 6 p.m., V.F.W. Hall
Christmas Dinner - 7 p.m.
Santa Claus



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